

## **City of Alexandria Approved Criteria for Open Space Site Evaluation**

- 1. To what degree does the property provide the public with benefits related to human values and experience?**
  - a. To what degree does the property include trail connections or open space adjacent to or linking open spaces, natural areas, greenways and trails?
  - b. To what degree does the property meet an identified need for active or passive recreation?
  - c. To what degree is the property, or does the property contain elements or attributes, of known or potential historic or cultural significance?
  - d. To what degree does the property provide an opportunity to expand existing open space resources, such as parks, schools or institutional or private open spaces?
  - e. To what degree does the property provide an opportunity for pocket parks, gardens, green spaces or playgrounds?
  - f. To what degree does the property provide visual relief (light, air and green space) from the built environment?
- 2. To what degree does the property provide green infrastructure, including the protection of natural resources?**
  - a. To what degree does the property provide for the protection of natural areas and maintain natural ecological processes?
  - b. To what degree does the property provide for the protection of habitat and support of native species?
  - c. To what degree does the property provide opportunities for improving the quality of air and water resources?
  - d. To what degree does the property provide the opportunity for stream restoration or preservation?
  - e. To what degree does the property include stands of mature trees?
  - f. To what degree does the property provide for the development or protection of wetlands?
- 3. To what degree will the benefits identified above be shared by or available to everyone in the City/city-wide?**
- 4. To what degree will the open space benefits identified above be available to a neighborhood or other area of the City that is particularly deficient in open space?**
- 5. Is the site identified in the 2003 Open Space Plan or the RP&CA Strategic Master Plan; if it is not, then to what degree would it, if acquired or protected as open space, meet the goals of those plans?**